

Recovery Act: Correctional Facilities on Tribal Lands Discretionary Grant Program Funding Results

Scope of Program:

The Bureau of Justice Assistance (BJA) is pleased to announce the release of funding results for the Recovery Act: Correctional Facilities on Tribal Lands (CFTL) Discretionary Grant Program. The purpose of this program is to assist tribes in cost effectively constructing and renovating correctional facilities associated with the incarceration and rehabilitation of juvenile and adult offenders subject to tribal jurisdiction. In addition, this funding allows tribes to explore community-based alternatives to help control and prevent jail overcrowding due to alcohol and other substance abuse. BJA administers the CFTL Program in coordination with the Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) and the Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention (OJJDP). BJA released the Recovery Act CFTL competitive solicitation on March 19, 2009, with a closing date of May 4, 2009. There are five categories of awards under this grant program: Category I: Construction of Detention Facilities for Adult and Juvenile Offenders; Category II: Construction of Single-Tribe or Regional Multi-Purpose Justice Centers; Category III: Renovation of Existing Detention Facilities; and Category IV: Construction of Alternative Sentencing Facilities. Category V is for provision of Training and Technical Assistance for the Correctional Facilities on Tribal Lands Program and will be focused primarily on those tribes which receive funding through this solicitation; however, it can also be provided to non-grantee tribes if requested. Applicants for Categories I–IV are limited to federally recognized Indian tribes, including Alaska Native villages and corporations, and authorized intertribal consortia. For Category V, applicants are limited to tribal and non-tribal for-profit (commercial) organizations, non-profit organizations, faith-based and community organizations, institutions of higher learning, and consortiums with demonstrated national level experience in working with tribal representatives to plan, renovate, and construct correctional facilities that serve local and regional needs.

Review Process:

BJA is committed to ensuring a fair and consistent process for awarding grants. BJA reviewed the applications to make sure that the information presented is reasonable, understandable, measurable, and achievable, as well as consistent with program or legislative requirements as stated in the solicitation. In addition, BJA included BIA as a participant in the review process. BIA compared the list of applicants with their priority list which ranks tribes based on a needs assessment. Applications were screened initially to determine whether the applicant meets all eligibility requirements. Only applications submitted by eligible applicants that meet all other requirements (such as timeliness, proper format, and responsiveness to the scope of the solicitation) were evaluated, scored, and rated by a peer review panel. A peer reviewer is an expert in the field of the subject matter of a given solicitation. Peer reviewers' ratings and any resulting recommendations are advisory only. In addition to peer review ratings, considerations may have included any one or more but was not limited to the following factors: underserved populations, geographic and topical diversity, strategic priorities, past performance, fiscal integrity and financial capability of applicants, and available funding. Absent explicit statutory authorization or written delegation of authority to the contrary, all final grant award decisions were made by the Assistant Attorney General, Office of Justice Programs.

Funding Sought and Awarded:

BJA received 43 applications for the Recovery Act CFTL solicitation, seeking a total of \$488,133,090 in funding. BJA received 39 applications under Categories I-IV and awarded \$219,999,058 to 20 site-based projects. In addition, BJA awarded one Training and Technical Assistance award under Category V in the amount of \$4,487,335 to the Justice Solutions Group to provide training and technical assistance to tribes that are planning, constructing, or renovating correctional facilities on tribal lands.

Based upon the level of funding available, BJA made awards to approximately 50 percent of the applications.

Feedback and Technical Assistance for Unfunded Applicants:

Applicants who did not get funding under the solicitation will receive written notification. The email will include written comments from the peer reviewers about the applicant's submission, if the applicant was eligible and submitted a responsive application. These comments will be sent to the Authorized Representative on the application. If your organization does not receive the comments, contact BJA at AskBJA@usdoj.gov.

Solicitation	Grantee	State	Award Amount
Recovery Act: Correctional Facilities on Tribal Lands Program (Category I: Detention Facilities for Adult/Juvenile Offenders)	Ft. Peck Assiniboine & Sioux Tribes	MT	\$12,683,342.00
	Navajo Division of Public Safety – Kayenta Community	AZ	\$31,655,277.00
	Ramah Navajo Chapter	NM	\$3,806,850.00
	Rosebud Sioux Tribe	SD	\$25,000,000.00
	Yakama Indian Nation	WA	\$11,975,078.00
	Colorado River Indian Tribes	AZ	\$4,561,213.00
Recovery Act: Correctional Facilities on Tribal Lands Program (Category II: Single-Tribe or Regional Multi-Purpose Justice Center)	Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians	NC	\$18,000,000.00
	Shoshone Bannock Tribes	ID	\$3,507,421.00
	Chippewa Cree Tribe	MT	\$12,374,177.00
	Native Village of Kwinhagak	AK	\$1,350,000.00
	Puyallup Tribe of Indians	WA	\$7,936,648.00
	Pascua Yaqui Tribe	AZ	\$20,849,173.00
	Navajo Division of Public Safety – Tuba City	AZ	\$38,587,560.00
	Nisqually Tribe	WA	\$10,720,232.00
	Tule River Tribal Council	CA	\$3,069,764.00
Recovery Act: Correctional Facilities on Tribal Lands Program (Category III: Renovation of Existing Detention Facility)	Confederated Tribes of the Chehalis Reservation	WA	\$203,623.00
	White Mountain Apache Tribe	AZ	\$947,310.00
	Confederated Salish and Kootenai Tribes	MT	\$1,335,073.00
	Yankton Sioux Tribe Fish & Wildlife	SD	\$5,800,000.00
Recovery Act: Correctional Facilities on Tribal Lands Program (Category IV: Alternative Sentencing Facility)	Eight Northern Indians Pueblos Council	NM	\$5,636,317.00
Recovery Act: Correctional Facilities on Tribal Lands Program (Category V: Training and Technical Assistance)	Justice Solutions Group	NJ	\$4,487,335.00
Awards: 21	Total Funding:		\$224,486,393.00